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SUBJECT: FISHING VESSEL TAICHANG NO. 1

REF: (A) TOKYO 7445; (B) TAIPEI 3045; (C) STATE 123685

FOR TOKYO:

1. RE PARA 3 REF A, COMPOSITION OF TRAWLER TAICHANG NO. 1
DETERMINED BY BOARDING OF VESSEL.

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2. RE PARA 3 REF B, TAICHANG'S PLANS TO EXPAND TRAWLING
OPERATIONSIN BERING SEA BY SENDING SEVERAL MORE NEW
TRAWLERS TO FISH FOR POLLOCK IS MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN
TO US. MOST RECENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US INDICA-

TES POLLOCK AND OTHER RESOURCES IN MUCH WORSE SHAPE THAN
ORIGINALLY BELIEVED. FOREIGN FLEETS ARE APPARENTLY
NOW TARGETING ON VERY IMMATURE FISH OF UNDER TWO YEARS OF
AGE (POLLOCK MATURE AT AGE THREE WITH MAXIMUM PRODUCTION
AT AGE FOUR) AND THEREBY ELIMINATING BROOD STOCK AND FUR-
THER CONTRIBUTING TO DETERIORATION OF THAT RESOURCE.

3. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE PRESENTLY NO LEGAL RESTRICTIONS

WHICH WOULD PREVENT FOREIGN NATIONS FROM ENGAGING IN
FISHERIES IN WATERS BEYOND 12 MILES FROM US COAST,
CONCEPT OF 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE IS WIDELY AGREED IN
LOS CONFERENCE, AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT SUCH A REGIME
WILL EVENTUALLY COME INTO FORCE. IN THAT SITUATION,
US WILL BEGIN TO REGULATE ALL FOREIGN FISHING ACTIVITIES
IN THE ZONE. IN MEANWHILE, US VIEW IS THAT ALL NATIONS
WHICH FISH IN WATERS ADJACENT TO US HAVE CLEAR RESPON-
SIBILITY TO CONDUCT THEIR FISHERIES IN A PRUDENT
MANNER, WITH DUE REGARD TO THE NEED FOR CONSERVATION
OF THE RESOURCES, AND THAT THESE STATES SHOULD COLLECT
ADEQUATE CATCH AND BIOSTATISTICAL INFORMATION SO THAT
CONDITION OF STOCKS CAN BE MONITORED.

4. POST AT ITS DISCRETION IS REQUESTED WHEN APPRO-
PRIATE OPPORTUNITY ARISES TO DESCRIBE CURRENT STATUS
OF PROBLEMS IN NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES TO APPROPRIATE
OFFICIALS AND DISCOURAGE EXPANSION OF FISHING ACTIVITIES
IN WATERS ADJACENT TO US IN NE PACIFIC OCEAN, INCLUD-
ING BERING SEA.

5. POST SHOULD EXERCISE DISCRETION IN DISCUSSING
SUBJECT SINCE IT MAY POSSIBLY RESULT IN ENCOURAGING
TAICHANG TO ACCELERATE EXPANSION OF ITS FISHING OPERA-
TIONS IN BERING SEA IN BELIEF IT WILL NEED TO ASSURE
ITSELF OF FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN FISHERY. ON CONTRARY,
ON BASIS OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION PRESENTLY AVAILABLE,
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USG WILL SEEK TO SHARPLY REDUCE ALL FOREIGN FISHING
EFFORT FOR POLLOCK AND MANY OTHER TARGET SPECIES, INCLUD-
ING ROCKFISHES AND FLATFISHES. FYI: USG HAS PRESENTLY
UNDER STUDY MANAGEMENT OF FISHERIES UNDER A NEW 200-MILE
OCEAN REGIME AS MATTER OF PLANNING FOR WHEN SUCH A RE-
GIME ENTERS INTO FORCE. KISSINGER

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